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FAN BLADE AND DISC STRESSES IN  
TRUBOFAN ENGINES THROUGH THE  
USE OF FLOW CONTROL DEVICES TO  
STABILIZE BOUNDARY LAYER  
CHARACTERISTICS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The current assignee of the present application is also the assignee of one other pending US patent application directed to a related subject matter, US Patent Application No. 10/870,437, of Erik JOHANN, filed June 18, 2004.

Submitted herewith are references cited in that patent application that have not already been cited herein.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609, as well as a copy of this page with the two above-identified US patent applications initialed by the Examiner, are earnestly solicited.

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